

Natural Gas Orders - Issued 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR TARIFF)
REVISIONS)

ORDER GRA

On July 2, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) of revised tariff sheets to be included in the company's Natural Gas Rate Book. According to NWPS, these tariff revisions are proposed in response to market conditions in the competitive natural gas industry. NWPS established an effective date of August 1, 1996, for implementation of the proposed tariff revisions.

On July 10, 1996, a Petition to Intervene in this matter was received from PAM Natural Gas (PAM).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.2, and 49-34A-21. Intervention is governed by SDCL §1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At an ad hoc meeting on July 16, 1996, the Commission considered PAM's petition. Commission staff recommended granting the petition. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene of PAM Natural Gas is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of July, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commission

Date: _____

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